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SPEED UP HANDLING OF WATER FREIGHT -- Berlin, Taegliche Rundschau, 21 Sep 51

On 1 June 1951, the Riesa branch of the DSU (Central Office of German Water Transport and Transshipping) entered into a 90-day competition with the transportation division of the Riesa Steel and Rolling Mills, aimed at speeding up transshipping operations, lowering transportation costs, and increasing the volume of water freight.

The competition proved that the DSU is not yet in a position to cope with the transportation needs of the steel plant. Inadequate cargo space on the available vessels made it impossible to carry out deliveries of goods on schedule. Only about 30 percent of the total water freight could be loaded directly from railroad cars to ships. The fact that only one suitable crane was available for transshipping operations presented a further problem. Nevertheless, it was possible to reduce the cost of transshipping operations by 6,440 Deutsche marks, a saving of 25,000 Deutsche marks per year.

The competition resulted in a 45-percent increase in water freight. Consequently, the transportation plan was not only exceeded, but valuable freight-car space was made available for other purposes.

A similar competition will take place between 1 September and 31 December.

BUILD FLEET FOR TRADE WITH EAST ASIA -- Berlin, Taegliche Rundschau, 29 Aug 51

According to Director-General Keul (fnu) of the Schifffahrt (Water Transport) Directorate, construction of a fleet for commerce with East Asia is to begin in 1952. The designs and shop drawings for the first steamer are now being prepared.

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COMPLETE DEEP-SEA FISHING VESSEL -- Berlin, Taegliche Rundschau, 22 Aug 51

The first deep-sea fishing vessel (1,050 tons) [in the German Democratic Republic?] is about to be completed. The ship, which is 58 meters long and 9 meters wide, will leave the people-owned Stralsund Shipyards within a few days to be outfitted by the assembly-line method.

LAUNCH 100TH CUTTER -- Berlin, Taegliche Rundschau, 19 Jul 51

The 100th fishing cutter built by the people-owned shipyards in Riegnitz-Damgarten was launched a few days ago.

RESCUE SWEDISH SHIP -- Vienna, Oesterreichische Volksstimme, 21 Aug 51

On 17 August, the Marine Search and Rescue Service of the German Democratic Republic rescued and repaired the Swedish three-master Carlovic near the Isle of Ruegen. The ship, which had sustained engine damages on the trip from Stockholm to the North Sea, was found adrift, unable to move under its own power, and was taken into tow by salvaging tugs from the harbor of Sassnitz.

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